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DATA COMMUNICATIONS

| DATE: 03/18/91 |
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| TITLE: Implementation of CICS Quality Assurance Panel on SPF |
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| Definitions |
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CICS Quality Assurance: The process by which the Data Communications Subdivision (DCS) tests all new and modified CICS on-line programs and mapsets prior to implementation to the ISD CICS production system. This process is to assure that all ISD standards have been followed and that these programs and mapsets have no adverse impact on the CICS production system.

| Purpose |
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To announce the required use of the CICS Quality Assurance panel 5.13 on SPF to compile CICS programs and mapsets that are to be placed into production as part of the DCS Quality Assurance procedure.

| Notice to Users |
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Any programmer or analyst involved with the development and maintenance of CICS on-line systems, and who tests with DCS, will be required to use the new Quality Assurance panel beginning March 25, 1991. Refer to PSA 3079 "Use of Quality Assurance Panel on SPF" for specific details on the use of this panel.

| Exceptions and Exclusions |
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Some systems may be allowed an exception to the use of this panel due to the nature of their JCL requirements. The person responsible for these systems will need to notify DCS to determine acceptable JCL to take the place of the SPF panel functions.